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1. REFTELS EVIDENTLY CROSSED. EMBASSY BELIEVES
GENERAL CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY BREWER IN REF A ARE COVERED
BY INFORMATION CONTAINED REF B, BUT IT MAY BE USEFUL TO PASS
HIM FOLLOWING SPECIFIC REPLIES SINCE THERE APPEARS TO
BE SOME CONFUSION AS TO SITUATION HERE.

2. REQUESTS FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS WHICH WERE HANDED
TO SHAFIK AND MERIDIEN BY CALDWELL/BREWER HAVE EVIDENTLY
BEEN MODIFIED BY SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS FROM INDICIFUAL
PARTICIPANTS. THIS WAS MESSAGE CONVEYED BY PARA 2
REF C, WHICH SUGGESTED THAT SUCH REQUESTS CANNOT BE
FILLED AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN SO ADVISING ATTENDEES.

3. ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN CALDWELL/BREWER AND
VARIOUS EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS ARE OF COURSE SUBJECT TO
MODIFICATION BY GOE. THUS, WHILE ARRANGEMTNS FOR
RESERVATIONS, LADIES PROGRAMS, ETC. NOW SEEM
TO BE BACK IN HANDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM
ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE (EFFAT, SHAFIK, ET AL), THERE
IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY MINECONCOOP MAY AGAIN TAKE OVER.
EMBASSY DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE A POSITION ON MATTERS
OF THIS NATURE, WHICH ARE ENTIRELY WITHIN
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF EGYPTIAN SIDE, AND SUGGESTS THAT

CHAMBER ADOPT A SIMILAR POSITION.

4. ARRIVAL OF BREWER ON 10TH WOULD APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST IN FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. EARLIER ARRIVAL WOULD PROBABLY SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE, BEARING IN MIND THAT 4-DAY BAIRAM HOLIDAY PLUS EXTRA DAY THAT GOE HAS DECREED (TO COMPENSATE FOR FACT THAT OCT 6 ARMED FORCES DAY FALLS WITHIN BAIRAM) WILL EFFECTIVELY RULE OUT MAJOR SHARE OF ANY ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES UNTIL MORNING OF 11TH. (TENTH IS REGULAR DAY ON WHICH GOE IS CLOSED) HOTEL SITUATION BEING WHAT IT IS, BREWER SHOULD HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATION PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, BUT IS ALSO WELCOME TO STAY WITH ECONCOUN IF NO SPACE AVAILABLE.

5. USDEL IS WELCOME TO USE EMBASSY CONFERENCE ROOM FOR CAUCUS FOLLOWING EMBASSY BRIEFING. SINCE EMBASSY WILL BE CLOSED, HOWEVER, ONLY MINIMUM FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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